

WEATHER forecast for Kansas: Unsettled tonight, with rain in the southwestern part of Kansas; rain Tuesday.

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AND a pleasant smile often covers an exceedingly bitter thought.

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RENEW BATTLE IN MEX

American Cavalry Encounters Fleeing Villista Band. Outcome Fray Not Yet Known at Border Headquarters.

QUESTION CARRANZA ATTITUDE

Apparent Inactivity of De Facto Troops Is Alarming.

Report Defection Among Cano's Men at Naniquipa.

VILLA'S INJURIES BUT A RUSE?

Indications That He Is Heading for Chihuahua City.

War Department Credits Report of Cano Revolt.

Camp of General J. J. Pershing, at the Front April 2.—By Aeroplane to Colonia Dublan and by Radio to Columbus, N. M., April 3.—American cavalrymen encountered a fleeing force of Villa men near —, (censored) early today and sounds of firing have been heard from that direction, but no report has been made to headquarters as to the results.

The mountains of Guerrero are being combed thoroughly for Villa by the American forces, but nothing has been learned as to his whereabouts other than that captured bandits said he was being carried farther into the mountains in his jolting coach.

Washington Credits Report. Washington, April 3.—Reports that Colonel Cano had deserted General Carranza and joined Villa's bandit forces with his command or a part of it, were credited today by officials of the state and war departments, and it was stated authoritatively that while official intimations the Cano had revolted had been received here, no actual confirmation had come.

The impression prevailed that a number of Cano men were in the fight last Wednesday when Colonel Doolittle struck the bandits near Guerrero.

Major General Funston has been instructed to warn the American aviators not to use the machines which may be defective or to take unnecessary risks in flying over dangerous mountainous country.

Villa "Will or the Wisp." El Paso, April 3.—Francisco Villa has again become the man of mystery. Almost within the grasp of the American forces, he has disappeared.

Nippon Will Hold South Sea Islands, Says Starr.

Wave of Speculation Is Sweeping Over the Nation.

San Francisco, April 3.—That Japan is colonizing and apparently intends to retain the South Sea Islands, captured during the present war from the Germans, was the statement made here by Dr. Frederick Starr, professor of anthropology, University of Chicago, who was en route to Chicago today from the Orient after six months' research work in Japan and Korea. "Japan," said Dr. Starr, "has no intention of withdrawing from the Ladrone or Marshall islands which she has taken from Germany and which lie about midway between the Philippines and Hawaii. She has already undertaken expensive schemes with reference to the postal service, telegraphs and cables of these possessions. She is sending settlers in quantity to them.

"Since the war began in Europe," continued Dr. Starr, "more than 1,000 new millionaires have been made in Japan. Extravagant ideas have taken possession of the Japanese nation and a wave of speculation is sweeping over the country." Dr. Starr said, "that Japanese trade with India has increased enormously since the war and that in this development lay the possibility of future competition with Great Britain, which might endanger the friendship that now exists between the two nations.

600 BOYS AND GIRLS IN AGGIE CLASS A WEEK

St. Paul, Minn., April 3.—Six hundred Minnesota boys and girls are here today to study agricultural methods for a week. The short course is at the University of Minnesota, which has arranged to board the youngsters for the week for \$1.

Freezer Mail Service Next Postal Uplift

Washington, April 3.—Refrigerator mail service may soon be a reality, if the recommendations of Postmaster Collins of Kansas City, Mo., receives the official Washington O. K. A letter from him today asked the department for permission to postpaid cold storage facilities in the postoffice to protect the produce shipped through the "farm-to-table" exchange of the parcel post. Then in summer, if the housewife is not at home when the postman delivers the dressed spring fry, or the butter just from the farm, he will take it back to the office and put it on ice.

GO AFTER PACKERS

Rep. Doolittle of Kansas Charges Price Fixing.

Wants Federal Trade Board to Investigate Tactics.

EX-GOVERNOR STUBBS ON JOB

Cites Experience of Emporia Farmer to Prove Case.

He Got One Bid, but Cattle Went to Five Companies.

Washington, April 3.—Hearings on Representative Borland's resolution to have the federal trade commission investigate whether the meat packers are violating the anti-trust laws, were begun today by a house judiciary subcommittee. Arthur Meeker, vice president of Armour and company; R. C. McManus, representing Swift & Company and several cattle raisers, opposed the resolution. Former Governor Stubbs of Kansas, Walter L. Fisher, former secretary of the interior, and Edmund Burke of Omaha and them arket committee of the American Livestock association, supporters of the resolution, opened the hearing by the reading of letters from farmers in several states who complained chiefly of alleged price fixing by the packers.

Double Clutch on Prices. Representative Borland insisted that the packers' buyers not only fix prices in the markets but follow cattle herds across the country to see that certain fixed prices are maintained on them.

"There is a power which actually exists in five packing companies in this country not only to control the price of products, but also to dictate terms to the country," he said. "I have done," said he, Representative Doolittle of Kansas, also appeared in behalf of the resolution.

Representative Doolittle insisted that the packers made greater profits than ever, during the last year, while breeders failed in large numbers. Urged to give a concrete case of price fixing, Mr. Doolittle said that George Johnson of Emporia, Kan., got only one bid on a drop of cattle at yards, but he found after selling that they were divided between five companies.

Have Working Agreement. Representative Kent of California declared "the existence of this combination is so well known that they have never had the nerve to deny it to me." Representative Steele of Iowa, a commission man, declared that a working agreement had been reached between the packers and the farmers, but he insisted that the resolution would bring no benefits to the farmers. "The packers," he said, "have resulted in less money for the farmers. Governmental regulation by one body has all stood for nothing. The result of the packing problem, he maintained, was a working agreement.

CRUMBINE HAS A FRANK

The Doctor Can Save the State \$2,000 Annually on Postage.

Through franking privileges extended Dr. S. Crumline, secretary of the state board of health, the state will save \$2,000 a year in postage. Dr. Crumline has been accorded a postal franking privilege under the title of collaborating epidemiologist.

The federal government has recently taken a hand in the matter of the baby. Thousands of pamphlets for mothers are sent each year from the offices of the state board of health. Postage is one of the heavy items of expense. Through the franking privilege, the state board will be able to make a more extensive campaign at a reduced expense to the state.

DRAW AFTER WAR BILL

Wilson and Kitchen Prepare Anti-Dumping Revenue Clause.

Washington, April 3.—President Wilson and Majority Leader Kitchen of the house agreed today on general terms of anti-dumping and anti-competition legislation to meet conditions after the European war. The ways and means committee will put them in the revenue bill of which Mr. Kitchen told the president would be ready for the house about April 20. The anti-dumping legislation will be along the general lines of that emanated from the present tariff law.

Clay County Democrats Elect.

Clay Center, Kan., April 3.—Clay county Democrats have elected the following delegates to attend the state convention in Hutchinson, April 11: William Faulconer, A. Hartman, J. C. Carson, George Beckner, M. M. Smith, Everett White and C. A. Johnson. No instructions were given concerning national committee. Local leaders, however, declare that the delegates probably will support Col. W. F. Sapp as against James W. Orr.

TOPEKA UNIONS TO SHOW THEIR STRENGTH TODAY

No Work Unless Nonunion Men Promise to Join.

Ultimatum May Result in Strikes or Walkouts.

CONTRACTORS MUST 'BE GOOD'

Sub Contracts With Nonunion Firms Will Be Violation.

Complete Report on Result at Thursday's Meeting.

Topeka may be the scene of a series of strikes and walkouts in the next few weeks. Today, all union men employed on the hundreds of building jobs in the city refuse to continue work unless the nonunion laborers promise to obtain union cards. Further, union men will refuse to work under boss contractors who have sub-contracts with nonunion firms for any part of the work.

Half a dozen unions will participate in this movement today. They include the carpenters' union, brick and stone masons' union, electricians' union, plumbers' union, painters' union, sheet and iron metal workers' union, hod carriers' and building laborers' union.

Notified Boss Today. When union men went to work this morning they notified all boss contractors of their intention. Then members of the union fired questions at all men employed on the job with them. Refusal to take out a union card will call for instant action on the part of the union, according to an announcement made this morning by Frank B. Brown, organizer for the A. F. of L.

"This is a decision made by the unions through the Allied Building Trades Council," said Mr. Brown. "We do not anticipate any trouble and believe by nightfall every man employed on the hundreds of jobs in progress in prosperous Topeka will have either shown his union card or will promise to enter the organization. There are very few jobs in progress where contractors employ nonunion men exclusively. In the last few months 500 new members have been added to the various unions."

Complete reports of the labor situation in Topeka will be heard at a regular meeting of the Allied Building Trades Council to be held Thursday, Monday night, at the city hall.

There will be a meeting of the clerks' tonight and sales ladies are especially urged to be present. The tinners will hold a meeting Friday night and the hod carriers will meet on April 15.

Applications for charters for sheet and iron workers and hod carriers left the city hall this morning. The charters will be returned by the central body in a few days, it is expected.

25 HURT IN BLAST

Gas Tank in Buffalo Plant Blew Off Roof.

Several May Die as Result of the Explosion.

Buffalo, April 3.—Twenty-five men were injured, several probably fatally, in an explosion at the plant of the Buffalo Electric company here today. The accident was attributed to the explosion of a gas tank in the foundry. The roof of the building, which was of steel and concrete construction, was blown off and the interior was badly damaged. More than one hundred men were at work in the plant when the explosion occurred. The cause of the explosion is being investigated by the state fire marshal.

Twenty-two of the injured were taken to hospitals and three less seriously hurt were taken to their homes. Of the injured it was said that five were killed. The explosion was a terrible one. No estimate was given as to the property loss.

FULL CREW LAW VALID

Supreme Court Upholds Arkansas Statute on Railroad Case.

Washington, April 3.—The supreme court today upheld as constitutional the Arkansas full crew law of 1913, requiring all railroads to use crews of six men while switching trains in yards or across public crossings in the cities of the first and second class.

The case, known as the *Arkansas Full Crew Case*, was argued by the state and Southern was convicted of switching cars in Hot Springs with less than the required men. It contended that the law was unconstitutional.

British Police Recover Letters on Welland Canal Conspiracy.

Washington, April 3.—A quantity of correspondence, believed to be that of Von Der Goltz, the alleged German spy who said he was the directing head of the plan to blow up the Welland canal, has been seized by Scotland Yard detectives and will be made public shortly by the British foreign office according to an announcement today by department of justice officials.

PIRATE WAS EASY

Pal Says, "I Worked Him for All There Was in It."

Two Co-Conspirators in Ship Bombing Plot Arrested.

GIVEN CASH TO BUY DYNAMITE

But Spent It on Himself; Thought Hudson Crazy.

Concocted Dare-Devil Scheme to Blow Up Cunard Liner.

New York, April 3.—One of the three men named by Clarence Reginald Hudson, alias Ernest Schiller, as his assistants in an alleged conspiracy to blow up with dynamite the Cunard line steamship *Pannonia*, is still at liberty but the police say they expect to arrest him before night.

Hudson, who captured the British ship *Matoppe* at sea and awed her crew of 56 men by a display of revolvers, will be arraigned in court in connection with the *Pannonia* plot as soon as the case against him is completed.

George Haller and Otto Miller, arrested last night and held under minor charges as Hudson's fellow conspirators, admitted today they had frequent conferences with Hudson concerning his plans to blow up British or French vessels lying at piers here.

Had Plenty of Money. They said they had received money from him to buy dynamite, a motorboat, revolvers or other supplies, but they asserted that they spent his money for their own benefit and pawned the money on themselves.

"I was working Schiller for what I could get," said Miller. "I got about \$100 out of him to buy dynamite, but I spent the money on myself. He told me about his scheme to blow up ships lying at the piers of the Cunard and Anchor lines. I thought he was crazy and decided to take his money. I did not try to buy any dynamite."

Miller said that he went with Hudson to look over the vessels at the piers of the Anchor and Cunard lines and that Hudson said he did not want to injure any but English ships.

Wrote to Woman for Money. Haller said Hudson proposed to him within a few minutes after they met to blow up a Cunard line steamship. He said that Hudson planned to cross the river from Hoboken in a launch, climb aboard the steamship carrying dynamite, and when the steamer was outside of Sandy Hook hold up the captain, blow up the steamer and escape in lifeboats.

"We took Hudson to be crazy," said Haller, "and decided to get what we could out of him. He sent me to get the money from a young woman in Salem, Mass., so I wrote and told her that Hudson was locked up and that I wanted \$200 sent by special delivery. I wrote again for \$20, but she did not send it."

HE REACHED POLE 5,000 RESERVES

Explorer Succeeded in Antarctic Expedition, Is Belief.

Ship Broke Moorings, Leaving Several Members Ashore.

Dunedin, N. Z., April 3.—On the arrival here of the steamship *Aurora*, J. G. Stenhouse, the first officer of the United States Spanish War veterans, for an active campaign for enlistment immediately after the charter for the organization is returned from Washington, which is expected this week.

More than two hundred members of the legion, which has a membership of about 5,000 men, yesterday drew up a plan for a rally of all Spanish war veterans in this city to be held when the charter arrives. Frank Sims, who presided at yesterday's meeting, said the legion expected to enlist men who have seen actual service in time of war. "There are no less than a quarter of a million in the ranks of the United States Spanish war veterans," he said, "and all able bodied men of good character who have served in the army and navy and in the national guard are eligible for enlistment. Thus, we will be able to provide a reserve citizen army of at least 500,000 trained men, who will be available instantly."

Chief Officer Stenhouse explaining the circumstances after the *Aurora* broke drift, said, "We were running away to save ourselves, but as a matter of fact the ship was so bucked by the waves that we were unable to get the ship's party were on the point of abandoning her and sending a wireless message to the king, requesting that another expedition be sent, when she managed to get clear. It was a sad home-going, but it was utterly impossible for the ship to be of any use in her condition. I hope to return with the same personnel and to pick up the party ashore."

Drifted Away in Blizzard. Mr. Stenhouse said they had taken enough hawsers and anchors to moor a battleship, but they snapped like threads in the blizzard.

"As our ship drifted away," he said, "we could see plainly lights, in the little bay, occupied by the landing party. For some time the explorers lived on what they were able to kill, mainly seals and penguins, their provisions just holding out. The wireless operator of the tug which towed the *Aurora* into Port Chalmers, nine miles from here, heard the distress signal and later war news, the first news of the outside world they had received in 17 months."

TO BUY U. S. WHEAT

Its Supply Exhausted, Holland Orders 700,000 Tons Monthly.

The Hague, April 3.—Holland's reserves of wheat practically are exhausted and the Associated Press has informed, on the very highest authority, that the government intends to buy 100,000 tons in America in addition to the normal 50,000 monthly in order to form the needed reserve.

Several Dutch ships have been requisitioned under the new ship law to bring these supplies from America.

Strike Near Finish.

London, April 3.—The Clyde strike is expected to collapse today, and it is affirmed the night shift will resume work tonight and the day shift will begin tomorrow.

TROOPS IN KANSAS

Ten Thousand May Maneuver Here This Summer.

Five States Plan to Send Soldiers to Fort Riley.

GOVERNMENT FINANCE IT

Uncle Sam Will Be Asked to Arrange for Expense.

Greatest Army Gathering in History of the State.

Missouri may send 3,000 national guardsmen to Kansas next summer for the maneuvers at Fort Riley. Plans are now being worked out for a joint meet of the militiamen of Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming to meet at Fort Riley in late July or early August. Today, General Clark of Missouri, wrote to Charles I. Martin, adjutant general of Kansas, in which he offers to entertain a plan to bring Missouri troops to this state. The joint meet may bring 10,000 to 12,000 troops to Kansas.

The plans now considered can be worked out. Kansas will this year hold one of the biggest army maneuvers staged in the west in years. The entire western division—Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming and Missouri—may participate. It is the first time in the history of the division that a joint field exercise has been held. Financial aid for the project is being sought from the federal government. An appropriation bill before the senate in congress will probably provide the necessary funds.

Invited to Missouri. In his letter to General Martin today, General Clark of Missouri, invited the Kansas troops to visit Nevada, Mo., for maneuvers to be held in July. In view of the plan to hold a joint encampment this year, General Clark intimated that arrangements might be made to bring the Missouri troops to Kansas. It is almost impossible, he said, to send the Missouri soldiers to Fort Robinson, Neb. The Nebraska fort is the one competitor against Fort Riley for the big military gathering. The attitude of the Missouri soldiers in favoring Fort Riley, will doubtless result in bringing the guardsmen to this state.

Military reports show that Missouri has a larger number of national guardsmen than any other state in the western group. The state has four regiments of infantry, which recruited to war strength would represent 7,740 men. There are probably 2,000 men in the service at this time. Nearly all of these men, General Clark stated, have arranged for vacation periods during the summer months. A satisfactory time can be fixed for the holding of the big military meet at Fort Riley, the Missourians will come.

Other states in the group would bring the attendance during the maneuvers to nearly 10,000. Letters and telegrams are being sent to the state legislatures to indicate they will strongly favor the plan for a joint mobilization of troops. The maneuvers would consist of a series of tactical exercises, shadowing a former military demonstration in this state.

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Army Man Who "Invented" Punitive Expedition Found Guilty on Trial.

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He will be released at once and restored to duty. He is now held at Mercedes, Texas, but has been ordered transferred to the Second Field Artillery now in the Philippines.

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WETS AND DRIES AT IT

Ballot Fight on Today—Some Michigan Counties Already Dry.

Detroit, April 3.—A bitter struggle waged in Michigan for weeks between "wet" and "dry" forces reached its climax today when voters in thirteen counties cast their ballots at local option elections.

TO TAKE VERDUN

GERMAN RUSH IS UNPRECEDENTED

French Foresee Most Drastic Assault Is Near.

Invaders Gain Gradually on Two Sectors.

BATTLE ROARED ALL NIGHT

Paris Claims French Gain in Caillotte Wood.

Teutons Moving Up Huge Siege Guns to Pound Forts.

Paris, April 3.—A new phase of the battle of Verdun has begun and the belief prevails that the violence of the latest attacks foreshadows another attempt by the Germans to rush the fortress by their vast forces. New batteries of large caliber have been moved up closer to the French front and the German infantry has been reorganized.

Yesterday's fighting on the whole was not unfavorable to the French. It is authoritatively stated. The object of the Germans was to clear the approaches to Fort Douaumont and the attacking force succeeded in crossing a little ravine which hitherto had stopped them and in entering the Caillotte wood. Further east they dislodged the French from the village of Vaux but the French positions were so close to the German lines that it was possible for the Germans to debouch from the village.

Vigorous French counter attacks drove them back to the upper fringe of Caillotte wood. The total result of the very formidable effort they had put forth was a gain for the Germans of about 500 yards of terrain, more than offset, it is affirmed, by the very heavy losses they had endured.

On the west of the river, the German attack on the Bois de la Somme in a not less determined effort, but met with a complete failure, the offensive decided.

Paris, April 3.—Fighting continued all night in the Verdun region east of the Meuse, between Douaumont and Vaux. The issue turned generally, the war office announced this afternoon says, in favor of the French, who gained ground in the Bois de la Somme and Caillotte wood which was occupied by the Germans yesterday. West of the river a bombardment was carried out near Haumont-le-Château.

The statement says that in yesterday's fighting the Germans lengthened their front of attack to about three kilometers (two miles).

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Puts Stick in Dry Town Boozie to Prevent Use

Hoquian, Wash., April 3.—Gum camphor has plugged the biggest loophole in Washington's prohibition law. Inspired to investigate by the increasing number of drunks, Police Judge Smith learned that grain alcohol was the most popular tipples. This can be purchased at drug stores if the purchaser swears it is to be used for mechanical purposes. Smith then ordered all druggists to put five grains of camphor in each flask of alcohol. It isn't poisonous, and some might stand the taste, but it simply won't stay down.

FLOODS IN TEXAS

Sheep and Cattle in Trinity Valley Are Killed.

Loss at San Angelo Will Reach Nearly \$100,000.

Dallas, Tex., April 3.—The Trinity river has reached a stage of 33.1 feet here today, which was greater than expected. Subsidence of the flood is not expected before tomorrow. The weather bureau and persons in the lowlands have again been warned to remove their livestock to higher ground. No loss of life has been reported, but there has been some property damage and loss of stock in the lowlands.

Trains over the Denton branch of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway were derailed over the Texas & Pacific today on account of the high water which came over the tracks. The two days' cold rain has caused a considerable amount of suffering by cattle in the Panhandle section, one rancher at Big Springs having lost 100 head of cattle. It is feared the weather at San Angelo has killed many newly-sheared goats and sheep in that section. Stockmen there estimate the loss will reach nearly \$100,000.

Receding at Fort Worth. Fort Worth, April 3.—Flood conditions are rapidly improving here today. The water in the lowlands is falling and car service is being resumed to the stock yards district. It will be impossible, however, to use the Texas league baseball park for several days.

Storm Moves North. Washington, April 3.—The center of the southern storm, according to weather bureau reports is over north Georgia and advancing slowly northeastward. This disturbance has been followed by general rains in the Gulf states.

HOllandA PUZZLE

Even Populace Doesn't Understand "War" Preparedness.

Deny Any Intention of Jumping Into Big War.

The Hague, April 1.—(via London), April 3.—The Associated Press agency is informed that all apprehensions regarding any impending embroilment of Holland with any foreign power are wholly unfounded, but a considerable section of the public persists in believing that an expedition coming offensive by the allies, supposedly planned at the Paris conference, holds the possibility of danger to Holland's neutrality.

Public anxiety has been considerably allayed, but has not wholly disappeared. In the absence of a statement from the government to clear up the situation, an alarming bulletin published on Friday, was not issued at the instance of the government. The Hague agency of the bank of the Netherlands, was the scene of a small run for specie in exchange for paper money, and a panic was caused by persons who have been apprehensive of a return of the panicky conditions of the early days of the war, of which, however, there is no indication.